Statement

Areas in States and U. Ts which are prone to Fluorosis

Andhra Pradesh	Nalgonda and Prakanam districts.
Delhi	Bindapur Village and other villages.
Gujarat	Liliye and Lethi taluks in Amorli districts.
Haryana	Dayalpur Atali, Chhanes, Machgar Sotai villages.
Karnataka	Mundargi Kirapur, Kelakori and Mustikoppa villages of Dharwar district,
Punjab	Bhatinda, Sangrur and Ferozepur districts.
Rajasthan	In 6681 of 24037 villages, the flueries content of the water is high.
Tamil Nadu	Salem, Tanjore, South Arcot and Kanyakumari districts.
Uttar Pradesh	Khanjarpur, Usorn, Sikn, Madheya Khan and Kapurva villages.

Protection of Taj Mahal against stone "Cancer"

1403. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Taj Mahal has been affected by stone "Cancer" which has resulted in discolouring, flaking, blackening of its marble/stones for quite some time now; and

(b) if so, what concrete steps Government have so far taken to protect the monument and what funds have been allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TAHI): (a) Taj Mahal is not affected by stone cancer. However, discolouring, flaking and blackening of the marble have been observed.

(b) The Archaeological Survey of India has set up sensitive instruments in the field laboratory in Taj Mahal to monitor continuously the concentration of pollutants in the ambient air apart from other steps taken by Government to protect the monument like:

(i) closing down the two thermal plants in the vicinity of Taj

(ii) Dieselisation of locomotives in the Railway marshalling yards at Agra

(iii) developing a green belt between Mathura and Agra

(iv) constitution of an Expert Committee in June 1984 to monitor all aspects of preservation and to recommend measures to keep Taj in a good state of preservation

(v) regular maintenance and periodical structural repairs and chemical preservation.

During the current financial year an amount of Rs. 11.05 lakhs has been allocated for this purpose.

Committee to study conditions of female prisoners

1404. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a

National Committee to study the condition of the female prisoners in the country;

(b) if so, what is the constitution of the Committee and its terms of reference; and

(c) by when it is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) A Committee with the following members has been set up at the national level by the Government of India vide Notification No. 9-51/86-WW dated 26-5-86:

1. Mr. Justice Krishna Iyer—Chairman, Retired Judge, Supreme Court, "Satgamaya" M. G. Road, Ernakulam, Cochin?682011.

2. Smt. C. P. Sujaya—Member, Joint Secretary, Department of Women & Child Development, Government of India, New Delhi.

3. Smt. Sanobar Sekhar—Member, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Bombay.

4. Smt. Shyamala Pappu—Member, Advocate, Supreme Court, 16, Niti Bagh, New Delhi.

5. Shri L. J. Arora—Member, Additional I.G. Prisoners, U.P. Lucknow.

6. Dr. (Smt.) Sudha Bittal Kaladate—Member, Reader, Department of Sociology Marathwada University, Aurangabad-4310034.

7. Ms. Kum Kum Chada—Member, Hindustan Times House, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi.

8. Ms. Sheela Barse—Member, No. 3-A, Ratna Deep, 29, Juhu Tara Road, Bombay.

9. Smt. Neera K. Sohoni—Member-Secretary, 69, Sunder Nagar, New Delhi-110003.

The terms of reference of the Committee are.

(i) to study the procedures for the handling of women offenders in detention or custody;

(ii) to review conditions governing the treatment of women offenders in police lock ups and penal and correctional institutions;

(iii) to examine the efficacy of institutional and other services for the reformation & rehabilitation of women offenders;

(iv) to suggest legal, administrative and organisational measures for ensuring a fair, humane and effective handling of women offenders at various stages of the criminal justice process; and

(v) to go into any other aspect relevant to women offenders within the overall framework of the present policy of women's development.

It is expected that the Committee will be able to submit its report by November, 1986.

Erosion of sea coast near Paradip Port

1405. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has requested the Central Government to direct Paradeep Port Trust to help check erosion of sea coast in Hokitola island situated in north of the port;

(b) if so, what are the details of the request made;

(c) whether Government have taken action in this regard, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?